

REMARKS

The present Office Action imposes a restriction requirement necessitating the election of one of two allegedly distinct inventions. In response, the Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, namely, claims 8-11. Please cancel claims 1-7 and 12-20 without prejudice for later filing in a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that each of the claims now pending in the application is allowable, and that the application as a whole is in proper form and condition for allowance. Examination and allowance is therefore respectfully requested, such that the application may advance to issuance at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that the application can be placed in even better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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